



TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH
MASSACHUSETTS

Conservation Commission

Town Hall, West Main St.
Westborough, MA 01581

MEMO

TO: General Public
FROM: Derek Saari, Assistant Town Planner/Conservation Officer
DATE: September 19, 2013
RE: Bow Hunting on Conservation Lands

At the Special Town Meeting on October 16, 2012, the Town of Westborough voted to amend Article 23, Section 1(Hunting) of the Town's General Bylaws to allow bow and arrow hunting upon Town owned property(see attached Town Meeting Article Approval). Persons wanting to hunt on private property shall still seek the landowner's written permission. To hunt on public property, the hunter shall contact the Westborough Police Department who will be responsible for issuing the "Town of Westborough Bow Hunting Permission Agreement".

The Westborough Conservation Commission reviewed all lands under their ownership and voted to allow bow and arrow hunting in accordance with the stipulated conditions within the Permission Agreement upon the following parcels:

- Map 3, Parcel 7 off Adams Street containing 110 acres;
- *Map 4, Parcel 23 off Bowman Street containing 24.5 acres;
- *Map 5, Parcel 36 off Bowman Street containing 18.3 acres.

*These parcels are abutting.

The Assessor's maps have been included for further reference. The Westborough Police Department will post signs upon these parcels notifying that bow and arrow hunting is allowed. The hunting season is from October 21, 2013 through November 30, 2013. State law hunting hours begin ½ hour before sunrise and close ½ hour after sunset. No hunting on Sundays is allowed in Massachusetts. Residents who frequent these parcels for passive recreation should be aware of the above dates. Any further questions or to obtain information on other Town-owned parcels can be answered by the Westborough Police Department.

otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for project or for the financing thereof; and that the Treasurer or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

Two-thirds was achieved, motion carried.

ARTICLE 13. (John Walden, DPW Manager) **VOTED:** to approve this article as printed in the warrant.

Majority vote achieved, motion carried.

ARTICLE 14. (George Barrette, Selectman) **VOTED:** to approve the sum \$15,900 be transferred from free cash and appropriated for the purpose of this article.

ARTICLE 15. (Alan Gordon, Police Chief) **VOTED:** to amend the General Bylaws, Article 23, Section 1 to read as follows:

No person, except by written permission of the land owner, shall be allowed to discharge a weapon on public or private property within the limits of the Town, except by the use of bow and arrow during deer hunting season on public property as allowed by statute and subject to conditions specified in the Town Bow Hunting Permission Agreement.

The vote was 143 in favor and 65 opposed, motion carried.

Robert Knight, Fisher Street, moved to end debate. Two-thirds was achieved, debate ended.

Leigh Emery, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, moved to adjourn the meeting to tomorrow, October 16, 2012 at 7 p.m. It was so voted at 10:25 p.m.

Joseph Harrington, Moderator, lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called under the authority of a Warrant dated September 25, 2012 with a Return of Service dated September 26, 2012. No quorum was required.

Head Teller Bob Brown with Oscar Najarian, Joe Federici, Jim Wilwerth, Nancy Perkins, Rachel Radin, Tim Buckalew and Richard Gottlieb as Tellers.

ARTICLE 16. (George Barret, Selectman) **VOTED:** to approve this article as printed in the warrant.

The vote was a majority vote in favor, motion carried.

ARTICLE 17. (Denzil Drewry, Selectman) **VOTED:** to approve this article as printed in the warrant.

The vote was a majority vote in favor, motion carried.

ARTICLE 18. (Denzil Drewry, Selectman) **VOTED:** to approve this article as printed in the warrant.

The vote was unanimous in favor, motion carried.

ARTICLE 19. (Lester Hensley, Chairman, Planning Board) **VOTED:** to approve this article as printed in the warrant.

Two-thirds was achieved on the main motion, motion carried.

Lester Hensley, Chairman, Planning Board, stated the Planning Board held a public hearing on September 18, 2012 and the Planning Board voted unanimously to support this article.

Leigh Emery, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, state the Board of Selectmen voted 4 against and 1 in favor.

MAP 3 PARCEL 7 110 A.C.

MAP 8

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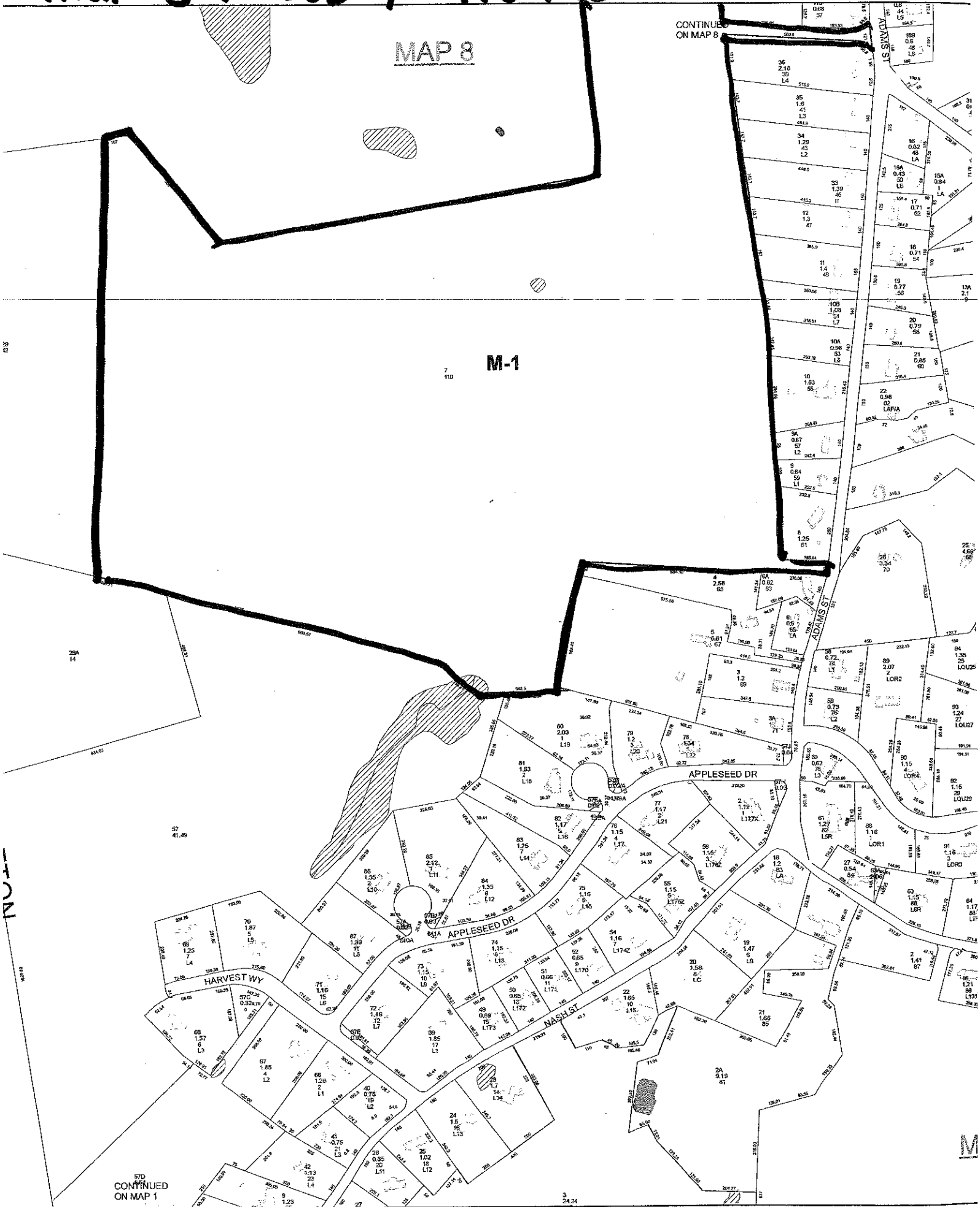
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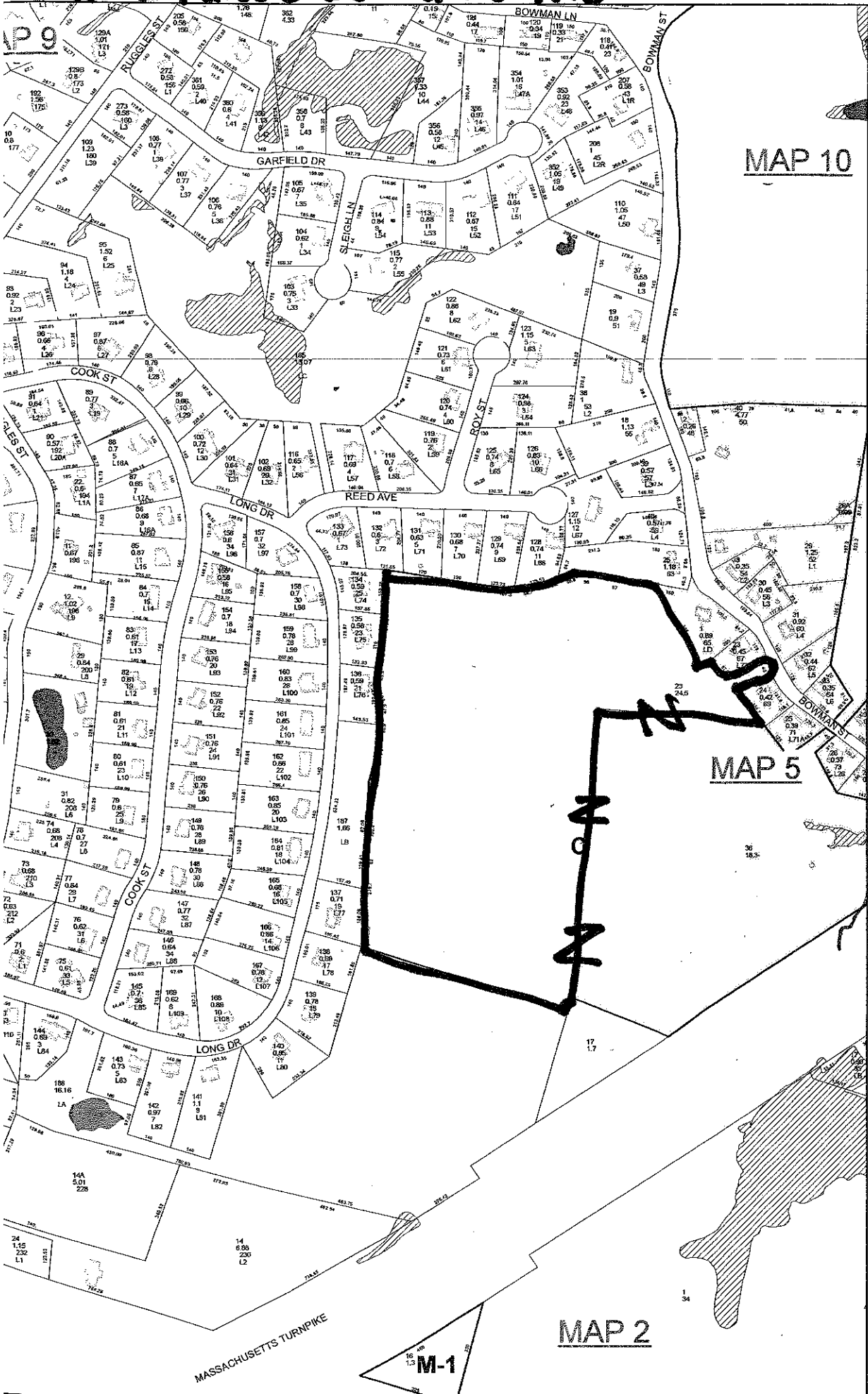


MAP 4, PARCELS 23 24.3 A.C.



Property Map
Town of Westborough
Worcester County,
Massachusetts

MAP 10

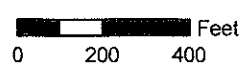


Legend

- Parcels
- Buildings
- Lakes & Streams
- Wetlands
- Non-Residential Zoning
- Rail

ANNOTATION

- Parcel ID
- Lot Size
- Street #
- Builders lot #



MAP 4

MAP 2

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reference purposes only.

